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I write to express my opposition to the Proposed settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case.

There are a number of excellent reasons to fault the proposal, but chief amongst them to my mind is the narrow definition of both API and middleware in the proposed settlement. As written, trivial changes in application names and/or version numbers could permit Microsoft to continue thier exploitive practices without violating the letter of the settlement. Indeed, whole new applications and extensions of extant applications (such as MS Office) could be developed with the specific intnet of dodging the provisions of the settlement.

The proposal as written will not impeded anticompetitive behavior by Microsoft, and thus does not serve the public good.

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